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SESSION NOTES.

OTTAWA, July 3, '99.

The principal event of the past week was the reiteration by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper of the charge of maladministration in the Yukon. As before, he consumed a great deal of unnecessary time, occupying the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, and the afternoon of Wednesday. Mr. Sifton replied on Thursday afternoon, closing at six o'clock. The debate was continued on Thursday evening and a vote was reached about three o'clock on Friday morning. While Sir Hibbert Tupper cannot be congratulated upon his presentation of his case, he certainly improved his position by becoming personally responsible for his demand for a judicial investigation, declaring that if certain specific charges were not proven, he was prepared to forfeit his seat in parliament. His case was also strengthened by the fact that the evidence given in a part of the investigation held by Commissioner Ogilvie was in the hands of the house in printed form. This evidence was of an entirely different nature from what it was at first reported to be, and established quite clearly that there had been bribe-taking on the part of under officials and mismanagement, which resulted in the personal profit of some, to the disadvantage of others, amongst the higher officials.

Hon. Mr. Sifton's reply was masterly and effective from a strictly parliamentary point of view, but did not in any way dispose of the facts brought out in the investigation before Mr. Ogilvie. Both he and the premier, however, promised, that when the whole of the evidence in the Ogilvie investigation had been received, if it did not seem to be sufficient, or conclusive, a further investigation would be granted. Messrs. Mulock and Paterson, ministers of post-office and customs, spoke in defence of their several departments, against which charges of incompetence and mismanagement had been made, as well as against the interior. The vote taken was almost strictly a party division. Messrs. McInnes, Richardson and Oliver voted in support of Sir Hibbert's resolution favoring a judicial inquiry, not because they were desirous of condemning the government, as he seemed to be, but because they desired to have such an investigation as might, if deemed proper, be followed by the punishment of guilty officials. Their position was that the change of officials which had taken place was evidence of the government's good faith in the matter, but that the offences alleged to have been committed by the officials were not sufficiently punished by mere dismissal from, or change of office, such as could be the only result of Mr. Ogilvie's investigation, and which result had, indeed, in most cases, already been reached. A judicial commission with authority to punish offences proven to have been committed was what they considered was required to meet the case.

The extra supplementary estimates for the year ending June 30th, 1899, all are through, except one or two items, which stand for discussion during the present week. A considerable part of the main estimates for the year ending June 30th, 1900, have been passed. The supplementaries for that year are not yet down, but are expected every day. It was thought that the introduction of the redistribution bill would be a signal for a revival of interest in the proceedings of the house. This has not proven to be the case, even during the Yukon debate there was a very small attendance. There seems to be an idea that the session is likely to close about the end of the month, Sir Charles Tupper having declared his willingness to hasten the conclusion of business.

A hitch has occurred in regard to the Intercolonial extension which may possibly have far-reaching effects. The C. P. R. objects to a certain clause in the traffic arrangements of the agreement and are using their influence in the senate to block the whole bill. They maintain that the agreement is unduly favorable to the Grand Trunk, and thereby to United States lines. President Shognessy wraps the Canadian flag proudly around his breast and shouts, "Canada for the Canadians." Of course, the C. P. R. has a great deal more railroad mileage in the United States than the Grand Trunk has, but—that is another story. If the agreement regarding the Intercolonial extension is thrown out by the senate, it may be reasonably expected that a general election will follow, as the government cannot afford to have its dealings in this regard discredited a second time. Besides, the

principle of the extension of the Intercolonial to Montreal is popular from one end of the country to the other, and a better fighting ground could not be found. What the fate of the redistribution bill will be in the senate is not yet known. Sir Charles Tupper made a strong appeal to that body to throw it out when it reached them. Possibly this will be done, but it is not likely that it would be considered sufficient cause by the government for going to the country.

PARLIAMENTARY.

The proceedings in the house on Friday were devoted to a discussion of Chinese, Japanese, Doukhobor and Galician immigration. It was brought up by Mr. Prior, who evidently desires to get in a word in favor of restricting the Chinese immigration before the government announces its policy to do so. Mr. Prior also made an attack on the Doukhobors and Galicians.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier handled him severely, and showed that Britain never complained against the Quakers because they were opposed to carrying arms. Sir Wilfrid also said that while he was willing to do what he could to carry out the views of British Columbia on Chinese immigration, Canadians had to do more than sing "God Save the Queen" and celebrate national holidays when imperial interests were at stake, and therefore in obedience to the British government, the Japanese restriction legislation had to be disallowed.

Mr. Sifton spoke strongly in favor of the Doukhobors and Galicians as good agricultural settlers. He sympathized with the views of the people of British Columbia respecting the Mongolian immigrants.

Mr. Davis made a speech in favor of the Doukhobors and Galicians, who were a frugal people and make good settlers.

The redistribution bill was passed through committee and was reported.

In the senate Senator Mills introduced a bill to amend the Yukon act. The bill will more explicitly define the powers of the government, so that all doubts might be removed. It also gave the right of appeal to the supreme court of British Columbia from the decision of the court in Yukon. At present there was only one judge in the Yukon, but it will be necessary to appoint another almost immediately. The bill also gave the government power to grant municipal corporations power to tax for municipal purposes.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell moved an amendment in the senate to the G. T. R. agreement bill. It gives power to the minister of railways to terminate the 99 year agreement in six months and also to undo with the same notice the agreement giving westbound freight at Intercolonial points to the G. T. R. In all cases the agreement against the G. T. R. remains permanent.

Lieut.-Col. Domville, M. P., has received an official letter from General Hutton notifying him that he has been reinstated in command of his regiment, the 8th Hussars.

Mr. Foster has left for British Columbia on business and will not return this session.

HUDSON BAY COMPANY.

The annual report of the Hudson Bay Company for the year ending 31st May shows a profit of £125,595 9s. 11d. as compared with £69,373, 7s. 9d. last year. This improved condition is due to the increase in the price of furs; increased profit on general business owing to the late Klondike rush, and improved conditions of trade; and larger receipts from the sale of lands due to the increase in immigration.

Adding to the present year's profits the sum of £26,392, 19s. 10d. from last year will make a total of £151,968, 9s. 9d. Out of this sum the payment of a dividend of 13s. per share and a bonus of 7s. per share is recommended.

The committee further recommend that a sum of £10,000 be set aside from the profits of the year towards the formation of a provident fund for the employees of the company.

The quantity of furs sold in January and March last was considerably smaller than in 1898, but, as already observed, the prices realized were generally higher than those of last year.

The land accounts show receipts from instalments, interest, rents, etc., amounting to £37,266, 3s. 3d. as compared with £25,933, 17s. 4d. for the previous year, while the expenditure shows an increase of £522, 6s. 4d.

The farm land sales for the year were 61,346 acres for \$300,555, averaging \$4.88 per acre, as compared with 37,923 acres for \$183,870, averaging \$4.85 per acre in 1897-8, and town lots were sold for \$26,330, as against \$9,174.

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SUPPLEMENT.

Fig Leaves..

From ancient and biblical historians we learn that the early costume of man—and woman too—was fig leaves. Since those days times and manners have changed, and custom now demands more substantial apparel. Ladies of fashion now procure their gowns from Worth, the great Parisian modiste; and men, anxious to have fashionable attire at a reasonable price, go to

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BEAVER LAKE EAST.

The school here closes on July 10th. It re-opens in November. The people of the Logan settlement celebrated the First in great style. D. A. Lawrence, of this side, was in charge of a refreshment stand. Lots to eat and drink. Mr. August Verch, of this district, is a contributor to the checker column of the Montreal Family Herald. What Mr. Verch doesn't know about this game wouldn't fill a very large gunny sack. A sneak thief has been operating on this side for some time. A few months at the Fort wood-pile might help to clear his moral vision. This chap doesn't wear a sheepskin coat, either. The crops were suffering for lack of rain before the late down-pour. Hay is very light, and most of us will come out short. Those who put in green feed will reap the benefit. July 5, 1899.

BEAVER CREEK

The annual Beaver creek school picnic was held on 1st July, at Mr. Riley's poplar grove. A very enjoyable time was spent by the children giving recitations, readings, etc. Mr. Whillans was in the chair, and managed things well. Mr. Anderson, Creeksford, gave a song on the "Sinking of the Maine" at Cuba. Mr. Whillans sang also. W. Maitland sang "Killarney," also "Comin' Thro' the Rye" and the "Campbells Are Coming." After this part of the programme was disposed of, games were indulged in, running and baseball. Baseball was Beaver creek vs. Two creeks. Two creeks won. Any amount of eatables were present, supplied by the lady citizens of Beaver creek. A lovely day made the picnic very enjoyable indeed. Mr. and Mrs. Riley showed to all their usual courtesy and kindness, which was appreciated. We noticed D. McCall and Miss Bird, from Limestone lake; also Mr. and Mrs. Dahle and family, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Whillans, from Egg lake; Mr. Sam Anderson and wife, Miss Wallis, from Creeksford; Kenny Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Yerex and family, Mr. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrick, wife and family, R. Swan and Mrs. Swan, from Two creeks, and Mr. Woodruff. A severe hail storm visited Beaver creek on the 26th of June, smashing wheat crops rather effectively. Alf. Gray, E. A. Holmes, I. D. Campbell, and Mr. Woodruff were the chief sufferers. Hail stones were mostly square-shaped and about as big as a pigeon's egg. Window panes were smashed to pieces, and the sound of the coming storm was like the roar of Niagara.

John McLean has started a store at Creeksford and we trust it will go ahead. He is well liked. Mr. Maitland purchased 30 sheep from Robert Logan, of Beaver lake, lately, and intends going in for sheep ranching, in spite of the wily coyote. Lots of breaking going on at Beaver creek. Mr. Solman, from Kansas, has bought two quarters of C. P. R. land just east of Mr. Riley's, and is breaking 40 acres. Alf. Gray and Ld. Garrett is doing this. The Beaver creek school teacher died on the 19th of June, at Fort Saskatchewan. Miss E. Garden had just come from Ontario and seemed sick most of the time since her arrival in the beginning of May, and had to stop teaching and go to Ft. Saskatchewan to be under Dr.

Aylen's care, yet care did not avail, and she succumbed to epilepsy, dying in the mansion house, being cared for so kindly and so unselfishly by Mrs. Frank Mariaggi. Such kindness to a stranger deserves notice. "I was a stranger and ye took me in" is in the Book. July 7, 1899.

INDIANS KILLING GAME

EDITOR BULLETIN.

I notice the following in the Saskatchewan Herald, of June 23:

"The best shooting ground in easy reach of town is the big marsh south of Pete Evans' place. Ducks are more numerous than usual and if let alone would provide good sport in its season, but a band of Indians is encamped there eating eggs by the thousand and doing more to exterminate game than any possible amount of spring shooting."

Mr. Editor, the charge against the Indians as applied to the Battleford district stands good in the Edmonton district. What is the use of laws, statutes, blue books and ordinances when there is no provision made to carry the law into force? There are game guardians, generally keen sportsmen, appointed to carry out the law as locally applied, but there is no provision made to get after those parties who, taking advantage of the unsettled condition of the back country, make regular annual raids on the big and feathered game and kill them without regard to sex, condition or age.

Where is the game law! Why are there not more deer in the country! There are very few killed in a legitimate manner. We hear occasionally during the season that P. Anderson or some other ardent sport has killed a buck, but the game of this class that is killed in a legitimate way does not account for the natural increase.

At the present time a band of Indians are encamped in the Beaver hills. They are up to their old game—after the elk. Why are not these men sent back to their reserves? Why should there be one law for the Indian and another for the "moon is as?"

I think the best thing to do is to copy the Irishman, who said, "To the devil with the law; let us kill a duck, for there are no laws and soon will be no ducks."

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